

# **City of Franklin Addendum No. 1 to**

**Purchasing Office Solicitation No.: 2012-015**

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1. Solicitation identified: This Addendum No. 1 applies to the following procurement:  
**a minimum of one (1) tractor-trailer truckload of new wheeled (rollout) refuse containers**

**Purchasing Office Solicitation No.: 2012-015**

2. Notice to Bidders publication date: **December 15, 2011**
3. Solicitation release date: **December 16, 2011**
4. Deadline for optional submittal in writing of questions seeking to revise or clarify any aspect of this procurement solicitation: **December 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m. Central Time**
5. Addendum No. 1 release date: **December 28, 2011**
6. Bids submittal deadline and opening: **January 10, 2012, 2:00 p.m. Central Time**
7. Tentative date of release of City's tabulation of bids received and notice of intent to award: **January 20, 2012**
8. Tentative date of award: Meeting of Board of Mayor and Aldermen at which is tentatively scheduled to be awarded the selection of the lowest and best responsive and responsible bid: **February 14, 2012**
9. Addendum:

In reference to the City of Franklin's December 16, 2011 Purchasing Office Solicitation No. 2012-015 for the supply and delivery of a minimum of one (1) tractor-trailer truckload of new wheeled (rollout) refuse containers, the City has been asked certain questions about the solicitation by one or more vendors who are potential bidders.

The purpose of this Addendum No. 1 is to share with all vendors who are known or thought to be interested in responding to the referenced solicitation the City's responses to the questions that have been asked to date.

Please note that the submittal deadline and scheduled opening of all bids received remains unchanged and is:

**January 10, 2012, 2:00 p.m. Central Time**

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Below are the questions asked to date and the City's responses thereto:

Q1: City specification 11.5.1 reads as follows:

Container body and lid shall be manufactured by the advanced rotational molding method.

Would the City of Franklin open the specifications to allow for containers manufactured by the injection molding process? The [vendor's] 95-gallon roll out cart is an injection-molded container. This molding process gives us the ability to manufacture a container with a consistent and uniform wall thickness, reinforcement at all critical wear points (i.e., cart bottom, handle, lift mechanism), and superb strength and durability. [Vendor] has been manufacturing injection molded roll out carts for over ten years, with millions of carts in different municipalities throughout the country.

Vendor proposes that City specification 11.5.1 be revised to read as follows:

Each container body and lid shall be manufactured by either the advanced rotational molding method or the injection molded process.

A1: City declines to revise specification no. 11.5.1. City experience indicates an injection-molded container is not as well suited for use in the middle-Tennessee climate and with an automated side-load refuse collection truck as is a rotational-molded container.

Q2: City specification 11.5.5.4 reads as follows:

Container shall utilize molded-in, sealed stop bar sleeves with a 1" diameter rotating steel stop bar. Plastic stop bars are not acceptable. Stop bar must not be exposed to the garbage.

Would the City of Franklin open the specification to allow for containers equipped with free rotating factory installed catch bars? [Vendor's] 95-gallon roll-out cart is equipped with free floating factory installed 1" corrosion resistant zinc plated steel which allows for favorable nesting ratios and is ANSI standard compliant.

Vendor proposes that City specification 11.5.5.4 be revised to read as follows:

Each container shall be equipped with attachment points, which make it compatible with standard American semi-automated bar locking lifters and fully-automated arm lifters. The upper lift point must be structurally supported. The lower lift bar must be designed to withstand over ten (10) years of lifter attachment and must be approximately 1" diameter galvanized steel bar. The lower lift bar must come pre-installed at the manufacturing facility. The lower lift bar shall utilize either a molded-in, sealed stop bar sleeve with a 1" diameter rotating steel stop bar or a free floating stop bar that is pre-installed into the cart body and whose stop bars utilizes clips, rivets or other similar mechanical devices intent on keeping the bar in place. Plastic stop bars are not acceptable.

A2: City declines to revise specification no. 11.5.5.4. City experience indicates interior stop bars and fasteners may inhibit the container-emptying process when the container is serviced with an automated side-load refuse collection truck.

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10. Acknowledge receipt of addendum: Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of this addendum on the Bid Submittal Form in the space to the right of the text on that form that reads, "Receipt acknowledged of any and all issued addenda to this solicitation."
11. Questions: The deadline for optional submittal in writing of questions seeking to revise or clarify any aspect of this procurement solicitation has now passed. To ask questions of a procedural nature, please contact:

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Franklin, TN 37064  
[purchasing@franklinton.gov](mailto:purchasing@franklinton.gov)  
Tel: 615/550-6692  
Fax: 615/550-0079
12. Communication with City during procurement phase: Any questions about either the content of or the procurement process pertaining to this procurement solicitation should be addressed as described above. Until the procurement award has been made, vendors shall not communicate about either the content of or the procurement process pertaining to this procurement solicitation with any official, employee or other representative of the City except through the City's Purchasing Office. The City reserves the right to disqualify any vendor that initiates unauthorized communication with the City during the procurement phase.